

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendment to the paragraph starting at line 12 of page 2 through line 17 of page 2 as follows:

Exemplary embodiments and/or exemplary methods of the present invention are directed to providing a test system and a test method which will enable the load of a device to be tested to be automatically tested by a plurality of network users ~~ysers~~, it being possible for the test system to be centrally operated by one single operator.

Please make the following amendment to the paragraph starting at line 20 of page 7 through line 7 of page 8:

Inserted into each session computer 40, 50 and 60 may be, for example, four LAN cards 42, 52 and 62, each having, for example, four separate connection interfaces 44₁-44_n, 52₁-52_n, and 62₁-62_n, respectively, [[441-44n,]] called connection ports. To interface with Internet 90, in the present example, each connection interface may be connected to a digital ADSL modem 70, although such an interface connection is shown for connection interface 44₁. Each modem 70 may be linked via a transmission line to an access router 80 or to various routers. Test system 10 may also support any other access technology. Thus, instead of ADSL modems, ISDN routers may also be connected to the connection interfaces of the session computers. The connection interfaces of any one session computer may be linked to an available concentrator, which provides an access to an ATM network. In another case, the connection interfaces may be linked via a serial connection to analog or digital modems, with whose assistance a dial-up connection to any router and, thus, to Internet 90 may be established. As described with reference to

session computer 40, a script-processing device, in the following also named load-generating device 45₁-45_n, may be assigned to each connection interface 44₁-44_n, 52₁-52_n, and 62₁-62_n of each session computer 40, 50, and 60, respectively, as explained in greater detail further on. It should also be noted here that the load-generating devices may also be implemented as software modules.